GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Sri P.Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur and presently working as District Revenue Officer, Anakapalli – ACB Case registered - Placed under suspension - Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Further action dropped – Regularisation of the period of suspension period as NOT ON DUTY in terms of FR-54 (B)(5) r/w (B)(7) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.373 Dated:25-05-2022.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.359, Rev.(Vig.III) Dept., Dt: 11-3-2013
2. From the DG, ACB, Final Report in Cr.No.44//RCT-VGT/2013-S,17, dt: 26.06.2014.
3. G.O.Rt.No.34, Rev(Vig.I) Dept, dt:13.01.2015.
4. G.O. Rt. No. 1126, Rev (Vig. I) Dept, Dt. 23.08.2017.
5. G.O. Rt. No.1700, Rev (Vig. I) Dept, Dt. 05.12.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.8, Rev (Vig. I) Dept, Dt:02.01.2019.
7. From the JC (A&W), Guntur, Inquiry Report in Rc. Spl. CC. No.1/2019, dt: 11.01.2021.
8. From Sri P. Venkata Ramana, the then RDO, Guntur, Representation, dt: 16.06.2021
9. G.O.Rt.No.468, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:27-07-2021
10. From the Commr.,, R&R, (FAC), Water Resources Dept., Rc.No.178/CRR/D/2019, dt: 03.08.2021 along with the representation of Sri P. Venkata Ramana, the then RDO, Guntur.

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The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has reported that Sri P. Venkata Ramana Revenue Divisional Officer was trapped by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 27.2.2013 while he was accepting bribe amount of Rs. 40,000/-. In the G.O. 1st read above, Sri P.Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur was placed under suspension on the allegations of demand and acceptance of bribe. In the G.O 3rd read above, he was reinstated into service, without prejudice to the disciplinary proceedings pending against him.

2. In the letter, 2nd cited above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has submitted its final report. Govt., after examining the final report and after following due procedure, decided to conduct departmental enquiry against Sri P. Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur instead of prosecution and accordingly framed Article of charge vide G.O. 4th cited. After following due procedure, Govt., have decided to order for a regular enquiry and in the G.Os. 5th and 6th read above, the Joint Collector-I, Guntur and Range Inspector-II, Anti Corruption Bureau, Guntur were appointed as Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

3. In the letter 7th read above, the Enquiry Officer submitted his enquiry report stating that there is discrepancy with regard to the statement of imputations and the mediators statements with the regard to the trapping of the Charged Officer by the Anti Corruption Bureau in his Office Room on 27.02.2013. As per the statement of the Witness No.4, there is no possibility of demanding, counting in the little time span of incident as alleged in the statement of imputations. Whether the Charged Officer taken the money and keep in his right hand side Pant packet cannot be decided by this Inquiring Authority. The Departmental inquiry can be done only by taking into consideration of the witness and evidences available on record only. As per the statement of imputations, the hands of the Charged Officer have been colored after the incident happened, but it cannot be decided by this authority whether the Charged

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officer accepted the bribe or not. But here, the cause of action is not proved and thereby the acceptance can also be treated as negative. After examining the said enquiry report and the representation submitted thereon by the charged officer vide his letter, 8th read above, further action was dropped against him vide G.O. 9th read above.

4. In the letter 10th read above, the Commissioner, R&R, (FAC), Water Resources Department has reported that Sri P.Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur has requested that the suspension period may be treated as on Duty in terms of F.R 54(B).

5. Government after careful examination hereby regularize the period of suspension from 28.02.2013 to 12.01.2015 in respect of Sri P.Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur and presently working as District Revenue Officer, Anakapalli as NOT ON DUTY, in terms of FR-54 (B)(5) r/w (B)(7). On appeal, he may be sanctioned eligible leave.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the District Collector, Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkata Ramana, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur and presently working as District Revenue Officer, Anakapalli (through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve the order and furnish the dated acknowledgment to Government for record).
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-
The District Collector, Guntur
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

A.S. Naidu
SECTION OFFICER